

Remarks

The Examiner's reconsideration of the application is urged in view of the amendments above and comments which follow.

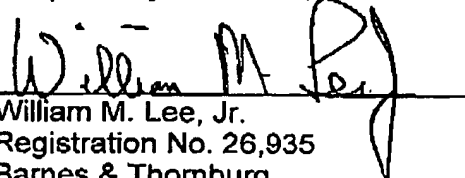
The telephone interview granted by Examiner D'Agosta on May 20, 2005 to the undersigned and Andrew B. Mackenzie of Marks and Clerk of the United Kingdom, the primary agent for the Assignee, is gratefully acknowledged. In that interview, the proposal of the Examiner in the Advisory Action of April 28, 2005 was discussed and it was agreed that the Applicant would file an amended response with two independent claims, the first being a combination of claims 5, 7, 2 and a modified version of claims 3 and 4 referring to "special conditions" as referenced on page 4 of the specification. The second would be a combination of claims 5, 6, 2 and the same modified version of claims 3 and 4.

Therefore, claim 5 above is appropriately modified, and the "special conditions" is the "predetermined number" in the concluding clause of claim 5, as supported by page 4 of the specification. Remaining claim 15 and new claims 17 and 18 (corresponding to claims 3 and 4) are dependent upon amended claim 5. Similarly, new claim 16 is the combination of claims 5, 6, 2 and the modified version of claims 3 and 4, with new claim 19, corresponding to claim 15, and new claims 20 and 21 (corresponding to claims 3 and 4) being dependent thereon.

In view of the foregoing, it is submitted that this application is now in condition for allowance, and the Examiner's further and favorable reconsideration in that regard is urged.

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